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| ROBERT | S. BLOCK FEB 2 5 2000 Group Art Unit: 2711 | | | | | |
| Application | on No.: 08/697,542 Examiner: V. Srivastava | | | | | |
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| | AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER | | | | | |
| | Commissioner for Patents on, D.C. 20231 | | | | | |
| Sir: | | | | | | |
| Enclo | osed is a reply for the above-identified patent application. | | | | | |
| [x] | A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed. | | | | | |
| [] | A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [] \$55.00 (248) [] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed. | | | | | |
| [] | Also enclosed is | | | | | |
| [] | statement(s) claiming small entity status [] are also enclosed [] were submitted previously. | | | | | |
| [] | A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed. | | | | | |
| [] | No additional claim fee is required. | | | | | |
| [x] | An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below: | | | | | |



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| | | AMENDED C | LAIMS | | C Pro III |
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| | No. Of Claims | HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | TADDT'L |
| Total Claims | 33 | MINUS 40 = | 0 | × \$18.00 (103) = | ROOM 0 |
| Independent Claims | 13 | MINUS 12 = | 1 | × \$78.00 (102) | 78.00 |
| If Amendment adds mu | ltiple dependent | claims, add \$260.00 | (104) | • | |
| Total Amendment Fee | 78.00 | | | | |
| If small entity status is | 39.00 | | | | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONA | \$39.00 | | | | |

[x] A claim fee in the amount of \$_39.00 is enclosed.

[] Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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